

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
MAUREEN SHEEDY

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Maureen Sheedy, a beloved member of the Camillus community and lifelong Central New Yorker. Known for her kindness and compassion for others, Maureen was highly active in many Central New York community service initiatives throughout her life. Maureen Sheedy was born on December 5th, 1943 in Syracuse, New York. She graduated from the Most Holy Rosary School and enrolled in classes at Nazareth College in Rochester. Upon completing her college education, she returned to Central New York and settled in Camillus to start her family. Additionally, Maureen made vast contributions to the community by working to improve local parks through employment with Camillus Parks and Recreation.

Maureen will be remembered most for her strong efforts to help those in need, as well as her commitment to her family and community. She spent much time volunteering with the Funeral Guild by preparing meals for mourners, and helping to deliver food to seniors through Meals on Wheels. Maureen was also very devoted to her church, Holy Family, where she worshipped for over 50 years and belonged to the Alter Rosary Society.

As a mother, she selflessly raised her five children and opened her home to children outside her family. Along with her husband Jim, Maureen organized a neighborhood block party for over 35 years to strengthen the bond of her local community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in remembering the remarkable life of Maureen Sheedy. She always strived to improve her local community and understood the importance of family values. The dedication to service and kindness she displayed throughout her life is exemplary of the high standard Americans should live by. She will be dearly missed by her family and the Central New York community.

BEVERLY LOWRY RETIRES FROM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MOJAVE WATER AGENCY

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Beverly Lowry for her service on the Board of Directors of the Mojave Water Agency in Apple Valley California. Bev, as she is affectionately known by most, began her distinguished career in the water industry serving her first term with the Mojave Water Agency through 1976, and later was re-elected in 1989, serving continuously since that time. Bev has held the position of President of the Board of Directors in 1993 and from 1996 through 1999, and again from 2014 through 2016.

Bev has been a Barstow area resident for more than 50 years. She and her late hus-

band Al settled in Barstow in 1966 where she has lived since with her two sons and two grandsons close by. She has led a lengthy and distinguished career in public service, including her current term as a Director at Mojave Water District representing Division 6, which encompasses the greater Barstow area.

During her tenure with Mojave, Bev has seen the agency transform as the desert communities have grown. As an advocate for water rights and integrated planning Bev worked to secure community participation in the Agency's first Integrated Regional Water Management Plan in 2004, as well as subsequent updates of the plan. Bev also oversaw the completion of multiple other projects and initiatives that would ultimately aid the region in continuing to supply water as the state of California faced extreme drought conditions.

Her passion and service extend throughout the community serving in several roles where she worked on behalf of the larger region. While I have enjoyed working with Bev, I also asked former Congressman Jerry Lewis to join me in thanking her for her service. Congressman Lewis said, "Bev's dedication to the Mojave Water Agency is to be commended. It was a privilege to work with her while I was a Member of Congress. In addition to calling her a great public servant, it is a privilege to call her my friend."

Marking her 34 years of well-respected service, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Bev well in her retirement. Her decades of service to the Mojave Water Agency is inspirational, and I am grateful for her contributions to the community and state of California.

HONORING SAM AND CATHY
HARVEY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Sam and Cathy Harvey for their contribution to our state and their community.

The Harveys have made a positive and lasting impact in Connersville and Fayette County through their extraordinary public service. They continue to embody exactly what "Hoosier hospitality" is meant to be. As the former County Chairman, Sam spent years helping promote and advance Republican principles in Fayette County. I could always count on Sam and Cathy for honest feedback and advice. Our state is better off today because of their extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, the Harveys were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. I would like to thank them for their friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

RECOGNIZING RURAL HOSPITALS
ON NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH
DAY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize all of our rural hospitals on National Rural Health Day. Small towns and rural communities across our country face unique obstacles, and access to affordable quality care is one of them.

Our doctors, nurses, and other rural hospital employees work tirelessly to help patients overcome many of the health care challenges they face on a daily basis, including limited access to primary care providers and specialists. Additionally, rural hospitals face larger financial barriers. That is why I have continually fought for Medicare and The Affordable Care Act which are critical lifelines for rural patients and providers. Medicaid expansion alone has provided nearly 1.7 million additional rural Americans with access to care.

As an advocate for rural America, I have also helped to overcome these obstacles by expanding broadband access and removing barriers to telehealth that have the ability to provide 21st century care. I introduced the Special Registration for Telemedicine Clarification Act with my colleague Congressman BUDDY CARTER. I was proud to see our common sense provision signed into law that will provide more treatment options to rural communities through telemedicine.

On National Rural Health Day, it is important that we take a moment to thank those who serve our nation in rural hospitals and provide access to quality health care. I look forward to working with my colleagues to provide the resources necessary to ensure the health of rural America is never left behind.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CON-
TRIBUTIONS OF ELLA PHILLIPS
STEWART

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform you and our colleagues about a special ceremony that took place in Berryville, Virginia on October 6, 2018, to honor the extraordinary life of Ella Phillips Stewart, an African-American woman born in 1893, in the Longmarsh District of Clarke County, that is situated in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Ella's parents, Henry H. Phillips and Eliza T. Phillips, were sharecroppers who chose to send Ella to live with Henry's mother in the village of Stringtown, outside of Berryville. An outstanding student, Ella won several major scholarships to what was then the Storer Normal School, later Storer College, a historically African-American College in Harpers Ferry, Virginia. Ella's upbringing in Clarke County provided her with the values and education that were a foundation for later professional success and national and international recognition.

After successfully matriculating from Storer, Ella was accepted by the University of Pittsburgh's School of Pharmacy and became the